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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR UPDATES TO NAMES, TITLES  
AND CONTACT NUMBERS FOR LEADING GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL  
OFFICIALS

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11. This cable is in response to reftel.

12. Country: Republic of India  
Date: May 30, 2008

India Country Code is 91.  
New Delhi Area Code is 11.  
Both (91) and (11) must be dialed prior to all landline  
numbers below. The Area Code is omitted for mobile phone  
numbers.

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Head of Government  
Last/Family Name: Singh  
First/Middle Names: Manmohan  
Conventional Usage: Prime Minister Singh/Mr. Prime Minister  
Formal Title: Prime Minister  
Office Telephone Numbers: 2301-2312, 2301-6857  
After-Hours Official Numbers: 2301-8939, 2301-6060  
Residence Telephone Numbers: 2301-8939, 2301-6060  
Cell Phone Numbers:  
Comments: Prime Minister Singh speaks fluent English.  
Private Secretaries B.V.R. Subramaniam and Jaideep Sarkar  
handle calls and meeting requests for Prime Minister Singh.  
Both speak excellent English.

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Head of State  
Last/Family Name: Patil  
First/Middle Names: Pratibha  
Conventional Usage: President Patil/Madam President  
Formal Title: President  
Office Telephone Numbers: 2301-4930, 2301-3488  
After-Hours Official Numbers: 2301-5321  
Residence Telephone Numbers: 2338-6655  
Cell Phone Numbers:  
Comments: President Patil speaks fluent English. Private  
Secretary R.J. Jadhav handles all the calls and meetings of  
President Patil.

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Foreign Minister  
Last/Family Name: Mukherjee  
First/Middle Names: Pranab  
Conventional Usage: Foreign Minister Mukherjee/Mr. Minister  
Formal Title: External Affairs Minister (EAM)  
Office Telephone Numbers: 2301-1127/1165  
After-Hours Official Numbers: 2373-7623  
Residence Telephone Numbers: 2373-7657  
Cell Phone Numbers:

Comments: Foreign Minister Mukherjee speaks fluent but heavily accented English. Private Secretary Anil Verma takes the Minister's calls. He is fluent in English.

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Defense Minister

Last/Family Name: Antony

First/Middle Names: A.K.

Conventional Usage: Defense Minister Antony/Mr. Minister

Formal Title: Defense Minister

Office Telephone Numbers: 2301-2286, 2301-9030

After-Hours Official Numbers: as above

Residence Telephone Numbers: 2371-1160, 2336-6744

Cell Phone Numbers:

Comments: Defense Minister Antony speaks passable but heavily accented English. Private Secretary Dheeraj Gupta handles the Minister's calls and meeting schedules. He speaks fluent English.

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Leader of the Opposition

Last/Family Name: Advani

First/Middle Names: Lal Krishna

Conventional Usage: Mr. Advani

Formal Title: Leader of Opposition

Office Telephone Numbers: 2301-6705, 2303-4285

After-Hours Official Numbers:

Residence Telephone Numbers: 2379-4124, 2379-4125

Cell Phone Numbers: 9811111199

Comments: Mr. Advani speaks fluent English. Private Secretary Chopra handles the important calls and appointments

in Advani's role as the Leader of the Opposition. Alternatively, the principal staffer at home is Prakash Chander.

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Chairperson of the ruling United Progressive Alliance (UPA) coalition

Last/Family Name: Gandhi

First/Middle Names: Sonia

Conventional Usage: Madam Gandhi

Formal Title: UPA Chairperson

Office Telephone Numbers: 2301-4161/2301-4481/2301-5584

After-Hours Official Numbers: 2301-4161/2301-4481/2301-5584

Residence Telephone Numbers: 2301-4161/2301-4481/2301-5584

Cell Phone Numbers:

Comments: Sonia Gandhi speaks fluent English. Private Secretary Madhavan takes all important calls for Mrs. Gandhi.

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